under the free list and unlimited amount could have been imported at zero duty. After prolonged negotiations, Government has now formalized Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) with Sri Lanka, under which 2,50,000 MT of vanaspati including bakery shortening and margarine will be imported from Sri Lanka per year. This TRQ will be monitored by Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) as per the provisions of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP). TRQ will also be distributed equally amongst four quarters to ensure a steady supply of vanaspati, bakery shortening and margarine. To ensure quality control of vanaspati, it has been mandated that all imports of vanaspati will have to adhere to the requirements of the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Act.

(b) Does not arise.

SEZs in West Bengal

3676. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the West Bengal Government has put on hold all the SEZ projects which have been sanctioned; and

(b) if so, how many SEZs have been sanctioned for West Bengal and the objections raised in respect of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Seven formal approvals and 14 in-principle approvals have been granted for setting up Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in West Bengal.

Pace of industrial production

†3677. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industries registered an average growth of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.